

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Thursday, June 26, 2014**

**7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Blackgrove, Kissling, McPherron, Summers and Lehr were present. Also present was Mayor Spinner. City Attorney Schneider was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting as presented.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Travis McQueen, Airport Manager, was present to update the Council on the Huntingburg Airport operations. A proposed resolution was presented to recognize the Huntingburg Airport and General Aviation Appreciation Month.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Summers and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-19 entitled:

**RECOGNITION OF THE HUNTINGBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT AND  
GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH**

Paul Vogerl, Jr. of Monster Recycling, Inc. was present to explain his proposed recycling program for the City (Exhibit A). There was discussion. The proposed fee would be a flat rate of \$2.00 per month per household plus a \$12.50 deposit for each recycle bin.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to have the Mayor, City Attorney, and Clerk-Treasurer investigate the costs and options of a recycle program to present to the Council for further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a report from the Huntingburg Redevelopment Commission to the Common Council for the activities, balances and assessed values of the TIF districts of the City of Huntingburg for the year 2013 as required by August 1, 2014. The report will now be uploaded into the State's Gateway system.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to accept the Redevelopment Commission TIF report as presented.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly Electric Report.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly Gas Report. He noted that USDI has prepared an Uprate Plan for increasing gas line pressure. He noted that 23 external relief valves have been installed in order to be able to uprate the Midwest gas line pressure to 400 psi to improve the gas service.

Reutepohler updated the Council on the EMS building. He indicated that in October of last year he received an estimate for renovation of \$190,000.00. He noted that bids were requested and one received but it was too high and rejected. He then split the project into portions that could be done with in-house utility labor and those portions that would need to be done by outside contractors. His cost estimate presented for the entire project was \$149,450.00 (Exhibit B). He noted that the City has the capability and knowledge to do the proposed in-house labor jobs and that he would manage the project. He also noted that this will have no effect on normal utility operations.

The Mayor noted that an additional appropriation would be necessary to spend the money out of the Riverboat Fund. A proposed ordinance was presented appropriating \$150,000.00 from the Riverboat Fund for the EMS building renovation.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-20 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
THE 2014 BUDGET YEAR**

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to set a public hearing for the additional appropriation for the EMS building renovation out of the Riverboat fund in the amount of \$150,000.00 for July 24, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. He indicated that the chlorine generation equipment is scheduled to be received and installed after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Resident Michael Bauer addressed the Council concerning a notification he received from the City Code Enforcement Officer stating they were not allowed to have their "Pot Bellied" pig at their residence on Jacob Court. He informed the Council that the pig is a pet and that there are several in the City and County. He noted they have a fenced in back yard and the pig is out approximately 1.5 hours per day and does not bark and seeks shade. He indicated that he has discussed the situation with Code Enforcement Officer Collett and as the City ordinance is now, the pig is not allowed. Bauer is wanting to get the ordinance changed to allow Pot Bellied pigs which are different from swine raised by farmers.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Summers and carried to investigate our current ordinance and look into changing it to possibly allow residents to own and house Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pigs in the City of Huntingburg.

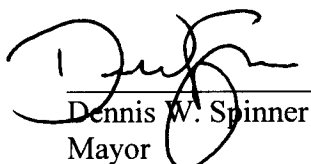
There was discussion on what to do with the pig until the investigation is complete and an ordinance change considered.

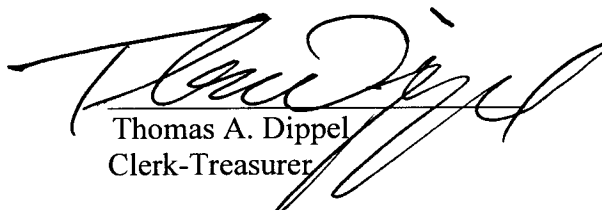
A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to not remove the pig owned by the Bauers from its home or from the premises until the Council meeting on July 24, 2014 when it will be further reviewed.

Resident Fred Allen addressed the Council about concerns of dangerous crop dusting planes and helicopters flying near his house on Oak Street in Southridge Heights. He indicated that the crop dusters fly at low altitudes (100 to 150 ft.) over his house and he wanted to know if the City can do anything to stop it. He is concerned that a crash will occur.

There was concern of height regulation and general ordinance enforceability among the Council concerning the crop dusters. The discussion included a willingness to investigate the issue by the Council.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 o'clock P.M.

  
Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer